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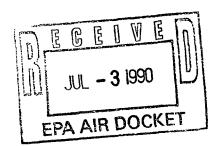
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Dear Mr. Kimm;

We have reviewed the comments provided to you by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences on June 7, 1990, regarding manganese as a fuel additive.

We have also reviewed several portions of the fuel additive waiver application of the Ethyl Corporation for the use of methylcyclopentadienyl manganese tricarbonyl (MMT) in gasoline, particularly the health and environmental data supplied about manganese. We fully concur with the concern expressed in Dr. David Rall's memorandum.

Sincerely yours,

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